



THE TOWN OF Fenwick Island

Fall 2021 Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 24th @ 3:30PM
Regular Town Council Meeting

October 22nd @ 3:30PM
Regular Town Council Meeting

December 3rd @ 3:30PM
Regular Town Council Meeting

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...

Today as I pedaled my way to the beach, I was struck by the thought that summer is about over since Labor Day has come and gone. For many people this is a sad time when beach chairs are folded, towels rolled up, and an unread novel rests on a dusty table.

For those people fortunate to remain in Fenwick, there is much to enjoy and treasure: The sun is still warm only less intense, and the breezes are balmy not muggy. With the crowds gone, it's easy to imagine that the beach is a private island. Yes, people and places are waiting, but it doesn't hurt to be alone and at peace with your soul once in a while. So this is the "second season," a perfect time to let that inner self rejoice with an enthusiastic, "Hello Fall!"

Most of the stores, restaurants and hotels remain open: If you need to find something to do besides sit on the beach, think about taking a few minutes or a couple of hours to roam through the **Village of Fenwick** shops, **Country Store**, **Sea Shell City**, or **Pottery Place**. Then energize yourself with some coffee at **High Tide**. And don't miss a great opportunity to reconnect with neighbors now that visitors have taken off for faraway places.

On a more serious note, it is only by chance that Fenwick missed the recent havoc caused elsewhere by Hurricane Ida; however, the threat of future storms will stay with us from now until early spring. While the Town obviously cannot prevent Nor'easters or hurricanes, everyone can plan around the possibility. Please check the information that Building Official Pat Schuchman has provided on the back to assist in making plans to protect property and possibly evacuate from the area. In addition, Town Clerk Raelene Menominee is asking for (confidential) email contacts from residents and property owners to keep everyone posted about special weather alerts or conditions. Once the Town has transitioned the *Facebook* account from previous town officials to the current administration, we will also be able to utilize this resource.

Best wishes and enjoy the day, Vicki



Yard Waste Dates

- September 21st
- October 19th
- November 16th
- December 21st

Recycling will continue every Friday until the end of September when it will go to every other Friday.



Get ready to start the new year with the Fenwick Freeze! **It will be held on 1/1/22 at 10:00 a.m. on Bayard Street.** Bring your towel, hot chocolate and plunge with your friends and family! T-shirts will be for sale with all proceeds benefitting FIBP. More information will be forthcoming for sign up, so stay tuned to the town website. fenwickisland.delaware.gov.

From the Town Clerk's Office

Please update your contact information (mailing address, phone numbers, emails) with the Town Hall and Police Department, by either emailing townclerk@fenwickisland.org or calling Town Hall at 302-539-3011.

There are also House Registry forms on the Town website: fenwickisland.delaware.gov

First, I would like to express a heart felt "Thank You" to the voters of Fenwick Island for affording me the honor of serving you as a member of Town Council. We recognize our mission of transparency and resident engagement can only be fully achieved through the exchange of information and robust residential participation. In the spirit of this mission, Town Council will be creating a new Residential Committee designed to facilitate efficient resident voice in Fenwick's town government. For the Residential Committee to achieve the maximum potential, we'll need dedicated committee members who value our unique family oriented community and are willing to volunteer their time to both help us preserve Fenwick's culture and suggest resident-focused improvements of future generations. Please share your experience and expertise by signing up for one of the committees that will guide us in preserving the Town we love. Feel free to contact me at jbortner@fenwickisland.org

Thank You again for your support, Janice Bortner



Greetings from the Fenwick Island Police Department!

We have had a busy summer season that is coming to a close. FIPD is gearing up for fall and winter seasons. We would like to remind residents to prepare and secure their properties, not only securing all windows and doors but also turning off water that may cause pipes to freeze.

We want to remind you that we are a year round full-time police department that watches over properties while you are gone. FIPD does random checks of all unoccupied properties during the offseason. **It is important to have up-to-date emergency contacts on file with the Town in the event we find your property is unsecure or an emergency occurs.**

FIPD Officers are always willing to tour your property to make suggestions to ensure it is secure and safe. To our year-round residents, feel free to contact the FI Police Department if you observe anything suspicious in nature.

Please free to check and follow our Facebook page:

facebook.com/FenwickIslandPD/

-Chief John Devlin

On-Duty Cell
(nonemergency):

302-542-8793

Dial **911** for any emergency!



Atlantic Hurricane Season: June 1-November 30.

Prepare for Hurricanes

Know your Hurricane Risk - Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, water, even tornadoes could happen far inland from where a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall. Start preparing now.

Make an Emergency Plan - Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands your hurricane plan. Insure that family pets are included in the plan. Discuss the latest Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it may affect your hurricane planning.

Know your Evacuation Zone - You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane if you live in an evacuation zone. Learn your evacuation routes, practice with household, pets, and identify where you will stay.

Recognize Warnings and Alerts - Sign up for community alerts at www.nixle.com and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA)- which requires no-sign up.

Those with Disabilities and Medications- If you or anyone in your household is an individual with a disability, decide if you may need additional help during an emergency. Make sure medication refills are up to date.

Review Important Documents - Likewise, make sure your insurance policies and personal documents like ID are up to date. Make copies and keep them in a secure password protected digital space.

Strengthen your Home - De-clutter drains and gutters, bring in outside furniture, consider hurricane shutters.

Get Tech Ready - Keep your cell phone charged when you know a hurricane is in the forecast and purchase backup charging devices to power electronics.

Help your Neighborhood - Check with neighbors, senior adults, or those who may need additional help securing hurricane plans to see how you can be of assistance to others.

FENWICK ISLAND BEACH PATROL

The Fenwick Island Beach Patrol 2021 summer season ends on September 19th. All stands will be pulled and there will be no lifeguarding in the Town Fenwick Island. Please be safe during the unguarded offseason. The beach patrol would like to thank everyone for the support we received this season. We are already looking forward to next summer. We will be busy this offseason making improvements to provide the best beach safety possible.

Since some of our veteran lifeguards are moving onto new careers, we encourage anyone interested in becoming a member of FIBP next year to email Captain Ryk (beachpatrolcaptain@fenwickisland.org) for employment details. Thanks for the great summer!

Beach Emergencies:
Rescues: 29
Surf Assists: 18
Minor First Aid: 52
Major First Aid: 8
Missing Person: 5
Transportation: 158

-Captain Ryk

A special thank you to the following businesses who participated in the lifeguard chair sponsorship program:
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Fenwick Island Beach Patrol thanks you for your continued support!